

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.

The Washington Chronicle says :- "The proposition favoring a return to specie payment is not looked upon as bringing about results of a favorable character by those who have charge of administering our finances.-Secretary Boutwell and Comptroller Hulburd view the question in the light of an unsound measure just now, believing that resumption will be obtained more effectively through the natural channels of trade, and the relations of currency to specie through that source. The Banking and Currency sub-Committee, who commission, than at any time within the memare charged with preparing a bill on this subjuct, have conferred with the above officers in relation to the plan which it intends to draft.'

The Philadelphia Ledger says. "The Board of Directors of the Northern Extension of the Rochester, Nunda and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, organized in Rochester, will complete a chain of narrow-guage railroad to extend from that city up the west side of the Genesee Valley, through Scottsville, Caledonia, York, Moscow and Cuyler to Mount Morris, and thence up the Cashequa Creek to Nunda, and thence through Angelica, Belvidere and other towns to Portville, near the Pennsylvania line, where it connects with a road of the same guage extending sixty miles into the coal regions. The narrow guage improvement is rapidly extending in every direction, notwithstanding there is much controversy as to its ultimate economy and advantage over the wide guage.'

In view of the probable amendment by Congress of the pension laws applicable to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812, so as to allow those who served less than sixty days to come within its provisions, the Washington Chronicle says, the fact has been brought to light that unprincipled parties are shrewdly maneuvering toward securing the names and papers of such survivors, or their heirs, under the pretense of being old soldiers themselves. thus hoping to be furnished with these points in order to obtain a large sum as fees for collecting these pensions in the event of the law is salesmen and those from other States; therebeing amended.

It is stated that although the usual schemes to enable private corporations to secure large tracts of public domain under the pretense of the parties convicted, and representing a New giving homesteads to soldiers are beginning to crop out, yet the experience of Congress during former sessions, when these jobs were attempted to be thrust upon them, has had the effect to check their progress this session, and the action of the committee in reporting upon them, will, it is believed, be considerably de- here did not exceed \$600 or \$800 a year. The layed, greatly to the dismay of the speculators | tounage of the district was then double what it urging them upon Congress.

The Baltimore American says :- "Never in the experience of the oldest inhabitant were there are so many drunken youths on the streets of Baltimore on a Christmas morning as were to be seen in all sections of the city on Monday." We are sorry to record the many cases of disorder and riot which occurred on and Ohio railroad some months ago. He will Christmas day, in different parts of the coun-

An Indianapolis paper thus sums up the divorce market: "The brisk competition among the lawyers has brought down the price of divorces very low in this market. We quote common separation, \$15; small alimony, \$25; large alimony, \$50 to \$100. There are but few of day, and so seriously injured that his life is the latter in the market. General business good and increasing."

A colored lecturer has been addressing the colored people in Mobile, and, according to the Tribune of that city, stirring up bad passions against the whites. It is alleged that this lecturer is an emissary of politicians, who, by inciting disturbances between the whites and blacks, hope to make political capital for use in the next presidential campaign.

Signor Toselli, of Naples, has recently invented a diving bell of most ingenious construction, by which he descends into the sea his son: with plenty of air and room, and is enabled to continue for four hours his minute scientific observations, at a depth of thirty-one fathousone hundred and eigty-six feet-under water, and under a pressure of six atmospheres.

It is supposed that there will be no radical nothing undone which ought to change in the patent laws, but amendments and suggestions have already been made which are of importance to those interested in patent af | his customers, and does not over-trade for his fiairs. The House Committee on Patents have | capital ; prefers short credits to long ones, and had several meetings this session in reviewing cash to credit at all times, either in buying or the laws, which it is considering section by

The New York newspapers say that so far from the "ritualistic" movement in the Episcopal churches, being hindered or repressed by ters which he sends away; and has every letter, the action or non action of the late General invoice, &c., belonging to his business, titled. Episcopal Convention, it showed itself stronger and more distinct than ever in certain Episcopal churches in New York on Christmas Day. | ing that if he leaves it, it will leave him; is

On Wednesday last Solicitor General Bristow tendered his resignation. It was not accepted, and yesterday he received a communication from the President which induced him to withdraw it. Colonel Bristow left yesterday after- and lawsuits where there is the least hazard; noon for Kentucky, but will return January 1.

The production of an improved gas at a great reduction of cost, is the claim put forth in behalf of a recent invention which has attracted much notice in France. Success to it, or any other invention, which will make a reduction in the cost of "light."

The Grand Duke Alexis, at Buffalo, present- man, Henry Snyder, who was intoxicated, beed Parepa Rosa with a valuable bracelet, came disorderly and took unwarrantable liberstudded with turquoises and diamonds, which ties. Peter Aylor, one of the blacks, remonhe had brought with him from Russia, as a token of the pleasure he enjoyed at the opera head, inflicting a fatal wound. He then shot with the case of Mrs. E. A. Pollard against on Christmas.

The Twelfth Night Revellers, in New Orleans, give their third annual representation on Friday, January 5th, instead of the 6th, which comes on Saturday, in a grand procession and

ball at Opera Hall. Fashionable people look

forward to the Twelfth Night as the crowning

event of the seasom. The representation for

The Investigation Committee of the South

Carolina Legislature make the financial situa-

tion of the State even worse than it had been

stated previous to their report. The total debt

will amount to about twenty-nine millions, the

greater part of which has been incurred by

what the committee accuse of being the ras-

cally administration of the State Government.

There is due to this Government by that of

the republic of Colombia, the sum of \$157,000,

being the balance of awards under the Con-

ventions of 1857 and 1864. No payment has

been made since 1868. The Colombian Minis-

ter wants an extension of time-four years.

That Government is represented as bankrupt.

The Washington Star says that the pressure

service before the first of January has been

much greater since the adoption by the Presi-

dent of the rules prepared by the civil service

In view of the action of Gen. Schenck, in

withdrawing from the Emma Mining company.

and of the alleged excuse that he was unwit-

ting'y drawn into this scheme, the matter will

have no further consideration in the State De-

The Washington Chronicle thinks that the

Senate will concur with the House of Repre-

sentatives in the passage of a bill for the or-

ganization of what is called the Labor Com-

The U. S. Treasury clerks in London hav-

ing discharged their duties in connection with

the syndicate, expect to leave for Washington

Senator Wilson is to go to Massachusetts

and New Hampshire, to make speeches, in de-

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Several drummers for Northern business

houses were arrested in Richmond last week

for plying their business without a local license.

The police justice held that the Virginia sta-

tutes exacted an equal license tax from Virgin-

tore they imposed no discriminating burden on

the latter, and they did not fall within the

principle of the late decision of the Supreme

Court of the U. S. in the case of Ward against

York firm, refused to pay his fine, in order

that he might test the police justice's ruling by

A correspondent writes from Yorktown, to

the New York Tribune, to say: "Under the

administration of Buchanan, Pierce, Fillmore

and others, the expenses of the custom-house

has been since the war. Now the government

pays \$3,000 a year for running the same office,

the labor in which consists in issuing coasting

licenses and collecting hospital money from 70

Judge Wellford, of Richmond, yesterday,

passed sentence of death upon Woody Ruffin,

colored, a penitentiary convict, found guilty of

murdering one of his guards on the Chesapeake

Mr. David E. Hancock, residing near Kes-

wick Depot, in Albemarle county, while at-

tempting to get on the train on the C. & O. R.

R. at the depot, in Richmond, yesterday, fell

A white man was struck over the head with

A large four story grist mill on the south

side of the dock, in Kichmond, was burned

Bishop McGill still lingers without hope of

HABITS OF A MAN OF BUSINESS. -It is cus-

tomary with the approach of the New Year

for men to make such good resolutions as will

make them better men in the coming year than

they were in the past; resolutions that will

make them more true to themselves, and more

useful to others. For the benefit of our read-

ers, we publish herewith the habits of a most

successful business man, and which he gave to

forms the basis of every transaction and regu-

lates the conduct of the upright man of business.

He is strict in keeping his engagements; does

nothing carelessly or in a hurry; employs no-

body to do what he can easily do himself;

keeps everything in its proper place; leaves

done, and wnich circumstances permit him to

do; keeps his designs and business from the

view of others; is prompt and decisive with

selling; and small profits, in credit cases, with

little risk, to the chauce of better gains with

wore hazard. He is clear and explicit in all

his bargains; leaves nothing of consequence to

memory which he can and ought to commit to

writing; keeps copies of all his important let-

classed and put away, never suffers his desk to

be confused by many papers lying upon it. Is

always at the head of his business, well know-

constantly examining his books, and sees through all his affairs, as far as care and atten-

tion enable him; balances regularly at stated

times, and then makes out and transmits all

his accounts current to his customers; avoids,

as much as possible, all sorts of money matters

keeps a memorandum book, in which he notes

every little particular relative to appointments,

addresses and petty cash matters; is cautious

how he becomes security for any person and is

generous only when urged by motives of hu-

strated with him, which so irritated Snyder

that he drew a pistol and shot Aylor in the

manity."-Baltimore Sun.

and wounded three other men.

"A sacred regard to the principles of justice

a gun, by a colored man, in Richmond on Mon-

be hanged on the 9th of February.

and was run over and killed.

down on Sunday night last.

despared of.

habeas corpus before a superior court.

Wm. Barrett,

about the last of this month.

tence of the administration.

the State of Maryland.

or 80 small oyster vessels!

vigor when Congress reassembles.

ory of men now living.

1872 promises to be a brilliant affair.

To show the very age and body of the Times.

C. C. Bowen, of South Carolina, is now in Washington looking after his contested election case, which will be taken up by the Committee on Elections immediately after the holidays. All of his papers are before the committeee, but those of De Large are not, the attorney of the latter declining to file them because De Large failed to pay the expenses attending the taking of testimony, amounting to

NEWS OF THE DAY.

At a meeting of the Board of Arbitration of the Lehigh Pa., coal region, on the 20th iustant, it was unanimously agreed to continue the rate of wages paid in 1871 for the year 1872. Coal prices are firm in all the large markets, but not quotable higher. A good deal of anxiety is manifested as to what will be the action of the operatives. if prices de-

On Christmas Day a bloody affray took place at East Arlington, Vermont, in a drinking saloon. Farwell and Lawrence, keepers of the saloon, s'iot five persons, two of whom are dead and two more mortally wounded. One of the victims was Farwell's son, eight years old. The affair creates intense excitement. Farwell and Lawrence are in custody. for appointment to positions in the government

The trial of Mrs. Wharton was resumed yesterday. The only witness examined was Prof. Tonry, who testified as to the several other chemical examinations he had made of the portions of the remains of General Ketchum since Thursday last. After summing up the results he obtained, he said that he had no doubt of the presence of antimony.

The Liquor Prohibitionists have issued call for a National Mass Convention of the party to be held at Cleveland on the 22d of February next, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President of the U.S., to which all the friends of the movement are invited.

A Memphis dispatch says that the latest report from Chicot county, Arkansas, states that the blacks have disbanded and all but fifty returned to their homes. The fifty mentioned have placed themselves under the Sheriff. No fear is entertained as to retaliation by the

Thomas Hawkins shot and killed Jelton at a festive party on Christmas night near Cowan. on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. Jelton is the seventh of his family who have met violent deaths. One brother was recently killed in Nashville while resisting the police.

There was a mob in Saline county, Missouri, on Christmas day. Some say that there were four or five colored men killed during the dis-The contest between the tariff and revenue reform elements promises to be conducted with turbance. There was a smaller riot in Chelsea, Mass., on the same day.

> Seventy-two dollars were received yesterday at the Tresaury from an anonymous correspondent in Philadelphia, who owed that amount to the Government.

Jacob Barker, a broker well known in financial circles throughout the whole United States, died in Philadelphia yesterday,

The Secretary of the Treasury will commence the payment to-day of the interest on United States bonds due January 1, 1872.

OPENING REMARKS IN MARK TWAIN'S LEC-TURE.-Ladies and gentlemen-by request of the chairman of the committee, who has been very busy, and is very tired, I suppose, I ask leave to introduce to you the lecturer of the evening, Mr. Clemens, otherwise Mark Twain, a gentleman whose great learning, whose historical accuracy, whose devotion to science, and whose veneration for the truth [laughter] are only equaled by his moral character and his majestic presence. [Renewed laughter.] I refer these vague general terms to myself, [Giggling.] I am a little opposed to the custom of ceremoniously introducing the lecturer to the audience, because it seems to me unnecessary where the man has been properly advertised [laughter], and besides it is very uncomfortable for the lecturer. But where it is the custom. an introduction ought to be made, and I had rather make it myself in my own case, and then I can rely on getting in all the facts. [Continued laughter]. It is not a simple introduction that I mind. I don't really care for that at all, but it is the compliments that sometimes go any one uncomfortable. You can fancy a young ady introduced to a parlor-full of company as

could not say a word the rest of the evening. I never had but one public introduction that seemed exactly the thing; that seemed to be a said he was exactly right, I didn't want any compliments. And when he introduced me he stand it. said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I shall not waste any unnecessary time in the introduction I | the speeches delivered on the subject of susdon't know anything about this man; [laughter, at least I only know two things about him; one is that he has never been in the penitentiary, and the other is I can't imagine why." [Prolonged laughter.] Now such an introduction puts a man right at ease. [Laughter.)

HOW BALLET GIRLS ARE TREATED. - Early on the morning of the 21st inst. seven women, who turned out to be ballet-girls of the "Black Crook" troupe, were discovered, almost freezgrace her establishment. turned out their bag- with the gentlemen who represent Richmond gage into the street during their absence, and would not receive them on their return from peers of any in point of honesty, intelligence ing to law, made his monthly reports of all lispeud the most of the night in the street. effects of the exposure, and have applied to the courts for redress. When the case was wonder if the great railroad fight, which occurthe legal process to be served on the boardinghouse keeper, reported that she had absconded. Three of the young women are confined to their beds, and one is dangerously ill.

THE PLEA OF INSANITY. - GOVERNOR Gratz Brown, of Missouri, sensibly and pertinently suggests that all murderers acquitted because of insanity should at once be incarcerated in lunatic asylums, and that the judges trying such cases be required by law to see to it that the acquitted and murderous madman is at once consigned to a place where he will be harmless to his fellows. Certainly it is a perversion of justice to let loose upon society a being whose hands have been imbrued in the blood of one of his fellows. The insane and perhaps, uncontrollable desire to kill may re- act in the chapter of retrenchment. I am hapturn at any moment, and cause the sacrifice of py and not surprised to see that Major Kelly. more innocent people.

WASHINGTON ITEMS .- Some colored men held possession of Fourteenth street on Monday afternoon for a long time, during which a free fight was indulged in with pistols, stones, near Convington on Saturday night, a white oters were dispersed.

all classes here and the calls and con- chairman of the finance committee. The delgratulations of the occasion were general, and egates from Fairfax and Stafford and the Con- for \$40.

the enjoyment thorough. The Circuit Court was occupied yesterday prominent and useful members.

Jackson and Ames Kendall.

In the book just issued by Henry A. Wise. there is, among other reminiscences, the following which we find quoted in some of the newspapers:

"And yet, soon after he was a lodger there, that room was the scene of his private conferences at night in which Amos Kendall was his chief scribe and amanuensis, to write the broadside editorials of the Globe under his dictation and instruction, but not with his diction. He was a better thinker than his scribe, his scribe a better writer than he. He would lie down and smoke and dictate his ideas as well as he could express them, and Amos Kendall would write a paragraph and read it. That was not the thing: many times the scribe would write and rewrite again and again, and fail to "fetch a compass" of the meaning. At last, by alteration and correction, getting nearer and nearer to it, he would see it, and be himself astonished at its masterly power. General Jackson needed such an amanuensis-intelligent, learned, industrious-as Mr. Kendall was. He could think but could not write; he knew what nerve to touch, but he was from Nevada is furnished at Sacramento for no surgeon skilled in the instrument of dissection. Kendall was. But how came Amos Kendall there, in General Jackson's sanctum, where his saint's picture hung? She had been most petrified wood some of which, when cut and maligned by Amos Kendall, the editor of Clay's polished, makes beautiful seals, cane heads, leading journal in Kentucky, during the can vass. Kendall had called her "Aunt Rachel. with the corn cob pipe," &c., &c. There was the chief enemy who had maligned her, there hung the picture of the wounded saint, and there was the husband-avenger who volunteered a vow at her grave! This was mighty strange Not so, however, to those who knew General Jackson well. No man was cooler in his calculations than he was. He would sometimes seem to fight most rashly, but no one ever knew him to fight at all unless there was a stake up worth fighting for.

'Kendall had been a poor school-master, and was a protege of Mr. Clay. He had been but a hireling, and was but a pen for the political

malice of Mr. Clay's party.
"What had he (President Jackson) to gain by fighting the pen, the mere amanuensis, when his aim was to slay the prompter of all this wrong? Kendall, for cause, left the fallen house of Clay and fled to the rock of power and strength. He knew much, could reveal much, could deliver up all the enemy's armory. He was indefati-gable, unsernpulous, and able. He was the very weapon for a pugnacious patren to use, and could surest strike the arch enemy-he had been the arch enemy's own.

"General Jackson then could throw away his prejudice, passion, vengeance itself, and vows, and cooly take Amos to that chamber. Amos Kendall was his man, and he could and did use him with tremendous effect to destroy his first

patron, Mr. Clay. "Such was General Jackson, the man with whom Mr. Tyler and his compeers had to deal at the beginning of Mr. Tyler's career in the Senate of the United States. No two men were ever more unlike than Mr. Tyler and General Jackson. They were bred in totally different scenes and schools in life-the one a child of gentle people and brought up in ease, the other a poor boy of humble Irish extraction, orphaned and exiled by war and poverty to build his own fortunes in the western wilds of Tennessee: the one taught and trained by the best of teachers and books, the other a Hercules of action, without learning, except that which was self-taught: the one winning the success by seizing the prize he sought; the one fore the 15th day of January, 1872, to which an a civilian and orator, the other a warrior always amendment was offered so as to read, every sense a tremendous actor. Mr. Tyler subjected to an additional tax of 10 per cent" Arbuthnot and Ambrister, and he remembered who had censured his course in that affair. the Cabinet of Mr. Monroe, he separated from him, though they were elected on the same ticket in 1828. Thus Mr. Calhoun's friends. among whom was Mr. Tyler, were soon made to stand aloof from General Jackson; though in the main, as on the Maysville road bill, the States-rights party still maintained some of the leading measures of the administration.

COMMUNICATED. A Glance at the Legislature.

A seat in the gallery of the House of Dele gates on last Thursday night and Friday morning, enabled me to witness the scenes in that body previous to its recent adjournment. The with it-that is what hurts. It would make members are elegantly arranged in the House. Those with loud voices are at the greatest distance from the speaker. The cripples are close the best conversationalist, the best model in to the main aisle. The colored statesmen are every way, in her section of the country. You congregated on the left of the speaker's chair might just as well knock her in the head. She and are interspersed with a sprinkling of whites. Those who were also members of the late Constitutional Convention are seated together .-This was done by way of especial distinction. very inspiration in the way of an introduction. The delegates from this county and Fairfax The gentleman had a good head, and he said have been assigned very eligible seats, near he supposed I didn't want any compliments. I the colored members. The assignment was without recourse, and these gentlemen will

I could but regret the character of many of pending payment of the semi annual interest on the public debt, due 1st of January next. It's "ominous of a bad sign" to hear members of a Virginia Legislature bandy epithets and talk about repudiation. One of the Valley members charged the Richmond delegation with a desire to finger in the public crib, just because the gentlemen representatives of that glorious old city, favored the payment of the public debt interest, on the ground that the people of the State had paid their taxes for that purpose and ing, amid a lot of trunks, etc., in front of a the money was now in the public treasury, and Overseers of the Poor, had been placed in his boarding-house in Bond street, New York. It the credit of the State in the money markets seems that they had taken board at the house, of the world would be thereby preserved. All but the landlady, thinking that they would dis- this is wrong. Every one who is acquainted gage into the street during their absence, and in the Legislature, knows that they are the the theatre. They were, therefore, obliged to and high character. And it would surprise you to see with what flippancy and ease some of Some of them are suffering severely from the the speakers accused and convicted the precewonder if the great railroad fight, which occurcalled on the following day the officers who held | red in the House last session, has not wrought

some serious demoralization? The speech of the member from Fauquier on the bill offered by himself, was characterized with signal ability and was worthy of being delivered in the House in its palmiest days. The others, made by members who said they were born and wanted to be buried in Virginia, generally were dry, and the amount of water consumed during their delivery would indicate the degree to which they were calculated to create

thirst. They decided to draw their pay during the ten days recess. Consequently, on their return each member will draw over sixty dollars, for his labors during the recess, at an aggregate cost to the State of some eight thousand dol lars-all for Christmas frolies. This is the first one of the ablest members of the House, favors a reduction of the pay of the members, from \$6 to \$4 per day, and the mileage from 20 cts. to 10 cts. per mile.

The doors of the House are heavily guarded. It is easier for a needle to go through a camel's At a Christmas festival held by colored per- light was induiged in with pistors, stones, bludgeons, razors and other weapons. The fight eye than for any person, who is not a member, sons at their church in Florence, Kentucky, was so serious as to suspend travel until the risession. There are some good members in the Christmas day was universally observed by House; none abler than the distinguished servative member from your city, will make

Jacob Lyon, for an alleged breach of contract. color and some member within was delivering dec 23

himself of a lengthy speech through his nose, I mistook it for Underwood's court, and should probably not have gone in but for being anticipated by the gentlemanly member of that body from Loudoup.

It is a bad state of affairs when the Legislature has to explain its enactments to prevent the public from believing repudiation is intended; but such is the case, and many will be slow to believe that the public credit will be preserved. More anon. Prince William county, Dec. 26, 1871.

BORAX LAKES, fields of carbonate of soda that are inexhaustible, and immense deposits of pure sulphur, are among the mineralogical wonders of Nevada. The Virginia Enterprise says the loads of carbonate of soda are daily brought to that town from deposits at no great distance to the eastward, and that this soda is of a snow whiteness, without stain, and free from dirt er any other foreign substance. It is fit for family use just as it is found. When a stratum of the soda is removed from its bed another is immediately formed. Crude borax five cents a pound. Jasper, cornelian, moss agate, amethyst, chalcedony and chrysolite are found in various parts of the same State; whilst petrified wood some of which, when cut and and other ornaments, is very abundant.

SUGAR -- The experiment of raising the sugar eet has been tried in Massachusetts at the Amherst Agricultural College, and the result is a conviction on the part of the experimenters that fine granulated sugar can be produced from beets for seven cents a pound, returning a better profit to the producer than most of the crops now cultivated in the Connecticut valley.

The Suez Canal is in the market for Governnental purchase.

CITY COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS. Board of Aldermen.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held December 26, 1871, there were present: H. L. Simpson, esq., President, and Messrs. Markell, Janney, French, Worthington, Corse, Seaton and Underwood.

The Committee on Claims reported in favor

of paying Mrs. John Moore, \$7.78, being the amount due her husband as Captain of the Night Watch, in August, 1861; also in favor opaying the bills of K. Kemper and J. C. Clark 54 each, as judges and commissioners of election in the 3d ward, and J. T. Nugent and G. B. Coleman, \$2 each, as clerks, and of paying E. J. Lloyd \$6, as judge and commissioner, &c., said ward; also adversely upon the petition Potomac Lodge, No. 38, I.O.O.F., for the abatement of taxes due upon said lodge-which were adopted; also in favor of reducing the assessment on the lot N. W. corner of St. Asaph and Princess streets, belonging to John A. Rotchford, from \$900 to \$600; which was adopted. A petition from the Relief Hook and Ladder

Company to be relieved from the payment of a gas bill of \$14.60, burned at the fair; also a resolution requesting the Mayor to inform the City Council why he has not made his monthly reports of all licenses collected since July last, to the Auditor: also the resignations of John B. Smoot, J. Rector Smoot and N. Boush, as Overseers of the Poor-were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in. The Committee on General Laws reported that they deem it unwise to make any change in the existing laws for the collection of taxes, but recommend that the Finance Committee be em-

stakes of life by gentleness and grace, the other powered to abate the 10 per cent additional taking them by main force and commanding which shall accrue on tax bills under the existtaking them by main force and commanding which shall accrue on tax bins under the taking them by main force and commanding ing laws, provided the same be paid or on bein the camp of life, a leader of men, and in taxes unpaid on the 1st of April, 1872, be had touched him sorely in the tender point of which was lost, and the report, as submitted by the Committee on General Laws, was adopted what he deemed an unkindness, and he showed no good opinion of or favor to any one showed no good opinion of or favor to any one and Underwood. Noes, Mr Seaton.

The Committee on Streets reported adversely Feeling that Mr. Calhoun had censured him in on the petition of Thomas Lannon for permission to erect a corn house on Theatre alley, which was adopted. An act authorizing the numbering of the

buildings in the city of Alexandria, was laid on the table until the next meeting.
On motion, it was resolved, that the Finance Committee be, and are hereby, authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars to be used in the payment of the January interest on the Corporation bonds; and for the payment of the money borrowed, the Finance Committee are hereby authorized to pledge the first money hereafter received in payment of taxes.

A petition from Mrs. Ann B. Ratcliffe asking

elief from unpaid tax bills, was referred to the Committee on Claims. Bills of J. Hopkins, \$93.19, and of Shinn & Co., \$24.37, against the Alms House, were or-

dered to be paid. The Committee on the Poor reported that they had given the contract for furnishing medicine to the poor to J. Entwisle, jr., he being the low-est bidder, which was adopted.

The Board then adjourned JNO. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

Common Conneil.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the Common Council, held December 26th, 1871, there were present: George R. Shinn, esq., President, and Messrs. Neale, Moore, Wheat, Hopkins, Green, Stuart, Risheill, Henderson, Vaddey, Hughes and Claggett.

Mr. Wheat, from the Committee on Public Property, reported that that committee had authorized the improvements that had been made in the hall occupied by the City Council, and the erection of a gas lamp at the head of the stairway leading to the hall. A communication from A. A. Warfield on

behalf of the Relief Hook and Ladder Co., asking to be relieved from the payment of a bill of \$14.60 for gas used for lighting Sarepta Hall from the 3d to 11th of December, while the fair for the benefit of that company was in progress. was referred to the Committee on Light. The Chair stated that the resignations of J. B. Smoot, J. R. Smoot and Nathaniel Boush, as

hands, and, on motion of Mr. Wheat, the resignations were accepted.

Mr. Henderson introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved. That the Mayor be requested to in-

censes collected since July last to the Auditor. The report of the Committee on Claims adversely to the petition of J. W. Nalls, Jas. H. Devaughn and R. H. Rudd, on behalf of Potomac Lodge, No. 38, I.O.O.F., to be relieved from the payment of taxes, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, was received from that Board and their action concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Claims, to The report of the Committee on Claims, to whom had been referred the bills of E. J. Lloyd, K. Kemper, J. C. Clark, J. T. Nugent and G. B. Coleman, for election services, recommending the payment of the full amount of all the bills except that of E. J. Lloyd, which was reduced from \$9 to \$6.50, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, was received from that

Board and their action concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Claims upon the petition of Mrs. John Moore for the payment of money due her late husband for services as Captain of the Night Watch, recommending the payment of \$7.78, the amount due, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, was received from that Board and their action concurred in.

The Board then adjourned HAROLD SNOWDEN, CI'k. Teste:

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CIAL SOCIETY. All members are requested to attend the next regular meeting of the Society, to be held at St. Mary's Hall, on Sunday evening, the 31st inst., at 7 p. m., as the annual election of officers takes place to serve for the year 1872. Punctual attendance is required. By order of the President:

dec 27-td M. B. HARLOW, Sect'y. SECOND-HAND SEWING MACHINE A first-class \$65 Sewing Machine, which has only been used for a few months, can be bought

dec 27-3t WITMER & SLAYMAKER. prominent and useful members.

As the Senate was guarded by a citizen of color and some member within was delivering

STRAWBERRY and MOUNTAIN ICE CAKE just received at 147 King street.

dec 23 W. F. BROOKES.

Prime to choice 1 63
Choice 1 70
CORN, white 0 66
Mixed 0 64
Yellow 0 65 RYE ... 0 90
OATS ... 0 50
BUTTER, prime ... 00 25
Common to middling ... 0 10
EGGS ... 0 34
TURKEYS ... 0 19 TURKEYS 0 12
CH1CKENS, per doz 1 50
IRISH POTATOES 0 50
LARD 0 9
DRESSED HOGS 6 00 Penna and Western 2 75 66 CLOVER SEED 0 00 64 BACON, Hams, country 0 12 66 WOOL, common unwashed 0 38 66 0 40
Washed 0 55 66 0 60
Merino, unwashed 0 37 66 0 42

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, December 27, '71

REMARKS.-Receipts of Wheat are light, and the market is without material change; offerings of 150 bushels white and 726 of red, with sales of the former at 170 for choice, and of the latter at 150, 152 and 158 for fair to good, 164 for prime, and 168 for choice. Corn is unchanged: offerings of 490 bushels mixed and 100 of yellow, with sales of the former at 64, 65 and 66, and of the latter at 65. Offerings of 100 bushels Oats, with sales at 57 for choice. Rye is quiet; offerings of 126 bushels, with sales at 95 and 98.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE GREAT PICTORIAL ANNUAL Hostetter's United States Almanac for 1872, for distribution, gratis, throughout the United States, and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere, is now published and rendy for de-livery, in the English, German, French, Nor-wegian, Welsh, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains. In addition to an admirable medica treatise on the causes, prevention and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the mer-chant, the mechanic, the miner, the farmer, the planter and professional man; and the calculations have been made for such meridians and latitudes as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive NATIONAL CALENDAR.

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SAREPTA CLOTHING HALL OF

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Don't miss your chance, but call at once at the Sarepta Clothing Hall.

S. DEALHAM,

Head Manager.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD-Strayed from the subscriber, on Wednesday, the twenty-first instant, a MILK WHITE HEIFER, with cropped and split ears. A reward of five dollars will be paid for her return to me, at the corner of Queen and Alfred streets. EDWARD MONAGHAN.

READ THIS!

We have a large lot of LADIES' FINE BUTTON BOOTS, sent us from Philadelphia, which will be sold a great reduction on the regular price, at nov 10 WADDEY'S, 74 King st.

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SPOOL COTTON PHOTOGRAPH CASES. The most complete thing out for the work box. Also, Needle Cases, the most useful kind of a Christmas gift. dec 16 WITMER & SLAYMAKER. dec 16

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